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COURTING CLEGG



Britain's Liberal Democrats party leader, Nick Clegg speaks to the media as he arrives at their headquarter in London as election results are still being counted, Friday, Friday 7, 2010. The biggest _ and surprise _ loser was Liberal Democrats leader Nick Clegg, who failed to capitalize on his stellar TV debate performances, leaving his party stuck in its distant, third-place status.

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SPORTS NEWS SISTER SMACK



Serbia's Jelena Jankovic celebrates at the end of her semi final tennis match against U.S. Serena Williams at the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome, Friday, May 7, 2010. Jankovic won 4 - 6, 6 - 3, 7 - 6. Read more on Page A15

Price of a barrel of petroleum

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Abandoned water cooler causes Times Square scare



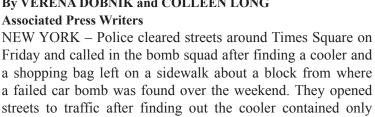
The suspicious package which closed down New York's Times Square is seen Friday, May 7, 2010.

Associated Press

By VERENA DOBNIK and COLLEEN LONG

Friday and called in the bomb squad after finding a cooler and a shopping bag left on a sidewalk about a block from where a failed car bomb was found over the weekend. They opened streets to traffic after finding out the cooler contained only water bottles.

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APNewsBreak:

Series of failures led to rig blast

The containment vessel is lowered into the Gulf of Mexico at the

site of the Deepwater Horizon rig collapse, Thursday, May 6,

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Associated Press Writers

ON THE GULF OF MEXICO (AP) — The deadly blowout of an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico was triggered by a bubble of methane gas that escaped from the well and shot up the drill column, expanding quickly as it burst through several seals and barriers before exploding, according to interviews with rig workers conducted during BP's internal investigation.

While the cause of the explosion is still under investigation, the sequence of events described in the interviews provides the most detailed account of the April 20 blast that killed 11 workers and touched off the underwater gusher that has poured more than 3 million gallons of crude into the Gulf.

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French President Nicolas Sarkozy, second left, walks with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, second right, after a meeting on the sidelines of an EU summit in Brussels, Friday, May 7, 2010. The 16 leaders of the euro zone meet Friday to finalize the Greek rescue plan and assess how such financial crises can be avoided in the future.

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Saturday, May 8, 2010 UP FRONT





Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele, who spoke to the Republican caucus, gestures from an elevator on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, May 4, 2010, following the weekly caucus luncheons.

Associated Press

RNC dismisses finance chief, deputy

PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican National Committee's finance director and his deputy were forced out Friday, the latest victims of a scandal involving reimbursements for donors who attend a lesbian bondage-themed nightclub in Los Angeles, California.

RNC chief of staff Michael Leavitt sent an e-mail message Friday to committee members telling them of the latest changes in the fundraising department and promising better stewardship of donors' dollars heading toward crucial congressional elections in November.

A longtime Republican fundraiser, Mary Heitman, was expected to be announced later as the replacement for finance director Rob Bickhart and his deputy, Debbie LeHardy.

Their dismissals were the second and third top committee officials fired by Michael Steele, the chairman, who continues in his position despite the brouhaha that followed reports of the California episode.

Steele was not present at West Hollywood's Voyeur night club on Jan. 31 when a group of young Republicans ran a tab of almost \$2,000, which was picked up by the RNC. After reporters noted the bill in a funding report, Steele dismissed chief of staff Ken McKay. One of Steele's top advisers, Curt Anderson, quit committee's circle of consultants.

Allison Meyers, a staffer blamed for the outing, also lost her job. The committee said it would be reimbursed by a donor who had attended.

After the first reports of the trip to the sex-theme club, an internal audit found "significant deficiencies" in RNC operations.

That report said the tab from Voyeur was reimbursed with a forged signature but reported it was "questionable" whether finance director Bickhart had reviewed the reimbursement.





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Portions of the interviews, two written and one taped, were described in detail to an Associated Press reporter by Robert Bea, a University California Berkelev ofengineering professor who serves on a National Academy of Engineering panel on oil pipeline safety and worked for BP PLC as a risk assessment consultant during the 1990s. He received them from industry friends seeking his expert opinion.

Seven BP executives were on board the Deepwater Horizon rig celebrating the project's safety record, according to the transcripts. Meanwhile, far below, the rig was being converted from an exploration well to a production well.

As the workers removed pressure from the drilling column and introduced heat to set the cement seal around the wellhead, the chemical reaction created heat, destabilizing the seal and allowing a gas bubble to form inside the pipe.

Deep beneath the seafloor, methane gas is in a slushy, crystalline form. But as the bubble rose up the drill

column from the high-pressure environs of the deep to the less pressurized shallows, it intensified and grew, breaking through various safety barriers, the interviews said.

"A small bubble becomes a really big bubble," Bea said. "So the expanding bubble becomes like a cannon shooting the gas into your

Up on the rig, the first thing workers noticed was the seawater in the drill column suddenly shooting back at them, rocketing 240 feet in the air. Then, gas surfaced. Then

"What we had learned when I worked as a drill rig laborer was swoosh, boom, run," Bea

"The swoosh is the gas, boom is the explosion and run is what you better be doing."

The gas flooded into an adjoining room with exposed ignition sources, he said.

"That's where the first explosion happened," Bea, who worked for Shell Oil in the 1960s during the last big northern Gulf of Mexico oil well blowout. "The mud room was next to the quarters where

was a series of explosions that subsequently ignited the oil that was coming from below."

The executives were injured but survived, according to one account. Nine rig crew on the rig floor and two engineers died.

"The furniture and walls trapped some and broke some bones but they managed to get in the life boats with assistance from others," said the transcript.

The reports made Bea, the 73year-old industry veteran, cry. "It sure as hell is painful," he said. "Tears of frustration and anger."

BP spokesman Daren Beaudo said he could not immediately comment on the report.

On Friday, a BP-chartered vessel lowered a 100-ton concrete-and-steel vault



The Q4000 platform, which is lowering the containment device to the sea floor, is seen shortly after the containment device made contact with the sea floor at the site of the massive oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana, Friday, May 7, 2010.

Associated Press

onto the ruptured well, an important step in a delicate and unprecedented attempt to stop most of the gushing crude fouling the sea.

"We are essentially taking a four-story building and lowering it 5,000 feet and setting it on the head of a pin," BP spokesman Bill Salvin told The Associated Press.

Underwater robots guided the 40-foot -tall box into place in a slow-moving drama.





ongress wants review of Dow Jones plunge



From left, Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev., take part in a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, May 5, 2010, discuss Wall Street accountability legislation.

Associated Press

JIM KUHNHENN **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON-Lawmakers are trying to learn the causes of the drastic stock market sell-off to ensure that high-

tech trading is monitored and average investors are protected in the wilds of Wall Street. Sens. Ted Kaufman, D-Del., and Mark Warner, D-Va., have asked Senate Banking

Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd to use the pending overhaul of financial regulations to address the Dow Jones industrial average's sudden, brief drop of almost 1,000 points Thursday. The House has scheduled a hearing on the market plunge for Tuesday. President Barack Obama said Friday that regulatory authorities are evaluating the "unusual market activity" with an eye toward protecting investors and preventing a recurrence. He said regulators would make their findings and recommendations public.

Warner and Kaufman, in a letter to Dodd Friday, want to use the financial overhaul bill moving through the Senate to require the Securities and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission undertake a thorough study of high-frequency trading and other tools that move markets in fractions of a second.

"To simply say this was a technology anomaly would be a huge mistake," Warner said in an interview. Trades that use complex algorithms are "even more esoteric than the derivatives sector." "It needs a little more light shined on it." In their letter, Warner and Kaufman spelled out issues they want the SEC and CFTC to consider, including whether the agencies should require "circuit-breaker mechanisms" to prevent runaway computerdriven selloffs or whether the high-tech trading operations of large banks present risks to the markets. They also want to know how the agencies intend to track high frequency trades to detect manipulative transactions. "The sense is here — with the volatility in the market, the hangover from 2008 — the last thing the market needs is for everyday investors to be robbed of confidence," Warner said.

and Exchange Commission In the House, Rep. Paul Kanjorski, D-Pa., has called for a Tuesday hearing of a subcommittee to examine the causes of the sudden freefall and partial rebound, some of the most volatile trading in market history. Kanjorski has asked SEC Chairwoman Mary Schapiro to investigate the causes of Thursday's gyrations. The startling market dive and bounce came amid doubts over Greece's ability to confront its national debt and overarching stock market nervousness.

> It also came as the Senate moved fitfully through a massive bill to put restraints on the financial sector, bickering over procedural delays amid periodic bursts of action.

> The Wall Street plunge was unlikely to alter the outlook for the bill, which at this stage appears to be clearing a path for itself toward passage.

> But the Senate has yet to address other aspects of the bill, including a bipartisan proposal to audit the Federal Reserve's emergency loans to banks during the months leading to and after the 2008 financial crisis.



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A nearby shopping bag had books and a gift wrapped in pink tissue paper.

Police had earlier cordoned off a pedestrian mall and nearby streets with yellow tape around 1:15 p.m., while yelling "Get back, get back" at onlookers and guiding bomb-sniffing dogs through the area.

The bomb squad X-rayed the soft-sided green cooler and the bag found on the pedestrian mall to determine, "in an abundance of caution," whether it posed a threat, NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said.

Six NYPD officers opened the cooler and the bag, took out the contents and carried it off about an hour later, when the department said there was no threat. "It was exciting, but it seemed a little silly, after all—a cooler that somebody left there," said psychiatrist Thor Bergersen, of Newton, Mass., who watched the drama from the eighth floor of the Marriott Marquis hotel.

The department has had a 30 percent uptick in the number of suspicious package reports since the failed bombing in Times Square.

"Thisissomething that happens fairly regularly," Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said Friday. "When you have a major event, the reports of suspicious packages will go up. I think to a certain extent, people are becoming more suspicious, more vigilant and that results in more calls."

Times Square vendor Walter "Candyman" Wells was among those feeling suspicious.

Sitting on a stool near his table of T-shirts, he looked out Friday onto the street, already back to its usual bustle after the scare. "I think they're testing us, whoever is doing this. They're testing our tolerance for putting up with this chaos."

"They're playing chess with us right now, but they ain't gonna win," the Vietnam veteran said. "'Cause we're the Bobby Fischers."

No evacuations have been ordered from buildings, but workers were told to stay indoors as the police responded. Cars approaching the area were told to turn back as an eerie silence descended on the area. Henry Goldfine. an attorney from New Jersey attending a meeting at the hotel, said he had planned to relax on the Times Square pedestrian mall but was turned away. "Instead, I'm going back where there's no air and no light," Goldfine said, standing near the hotel. "We don't have things like this in New Jersev."

On an average day, police get 90 to 100 reports of a suspicious package. Browne said there were more than 145 reports on Thursday alone.

A package discovered earlier Friday near the area where the car bomb was discovered turned out to be someone's lunch.

On Wednesday, the bomb squad was called out to look at a truck with a strong odor of gasoline abandoned on the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge, but nothing dangerous was found inside.

"People are being more

vigilant, and that's a good thing," Browne said earlier Friday. "People are also getting their lost property returned a lot faster these days," he quipped.

A New York City police officer, center, carries a package from the scene as authorities cleared streets around New York's Times Square and called in the bomb squad Friday, May 7, 2010, after finding a cooler left on a sidewalk a block away from where where a failed car bomb was found over the weekend.

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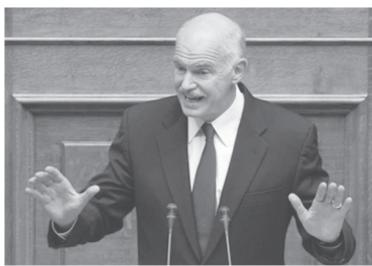
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EU tries to calm fears over Greek debt crisis



Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou speaks during a debate in Parliament on the country's planned new austerity measures on Thursday, May 6, 2010. Papandreou said Greece's only hope of avoiding bankruptcy is to approve the measures to secure money from a joint EU and International Monetary Fund rescue package. He spoke during a heated debate overshadowed by the deaths of three people during protests against spending cuts. The 300-member house, in which the governing Socialists hold a strong majority, was due to approve the law later Thursday.

ELENA BECATOROS RAF CASERT

Associated Press Writers

BRUSSELS (AP) — French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel announced early Saturday that the 16 eurozone nations will set up a financial defense plan by the time markets open next week to shield their shared currency Associated Press against further attack.

With Spain and Portugal's fragile financial systems already pounded by markets in the wake of the Greek debt crisis, Sarkozy and Merkel laid out a plan to defend all euro nations against aggressive market movement.

"The euro is an essential element of Europe. We cannot leave it to speculators,"

Sarkozy said following nine hours of emergency talks by leaders from eurozone nations.

"We will not let others undo what generations have created," said Sarkozy.

Eurozone chief Jean-Claude Juncker underscored the urgency of the threat by saying that even the staunchly independent European Central Bank was on board to help out with the operation after Jean-Claude Trichet huddled with Sarkozy and Merkel just before the summit.

"The ECB will want to contribute" to the mechanism, he said.

"We are talking about a global attack against the euro, and the eurozone must react as one," Juncker said.

Sarkozy said European finance ministers will hold another emergency meeting Sunday to work out specifics of the anti-speculation plan.

The urgency of Sunday's hastily arranged Ecofin meeting is the first clear indication that fears of contagion are coming true, with the crisis that emerged from Greece starting to affect

other eurozone countries.

The fighting words from Sarkozy and Juncker were another.

Spain and Portugal are beginning to show the same signs of trouble that Greece was three months ago, with borrowing costs increasing, talk of speculative attacks and increasing concern among European partners that some form of help could be required.

"There's no reason, no fundamental reason in the economy to make such suspicions about our sovereign debt," said Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Socrates.

The summit, originally called to sign off on a bailout plan for Greece and draw lessons for the future, turned into one of crisis management amid market turmoil.

Financial markets have continued to sell off the euro and Greek bonds even as EU leaders have insisted for days that the Greek financial implosion is a unique combination of bad management, free spending and statistical cheating that doesn't apply to other eurozone nations.

Beyond immediate measures to protect the euro, several leaders at the meeting said they want to impose punishing budgetary rules which would force member nations walk a tight budgetary line and avoid the kind of cheating and overspending that led to

Greece's problems.

Several leaders, including Sarkozy and Merkel, insisted the near-collapse of Greece and subsequent market moves against other eurozone nations underscoredthatthe framework of rules for managing the euro needed revamping, according to officials close to the talks.

To deal with the crisis, some also wanted a deeper involvement of the European Central Bank.

"We must sharpen the edge" of the rules to keep wayward governments in line, Merkel said, adding the 16 eurozone leaders should also consider changes to the 1992 treaty that laid the groundwork for the shared currency. "Otherwise, it won't work, in my opinion." Opening the evening summit

Opening the evening summit among visibly tense dinner partners, Sarkozyand European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso insisted the crisis now had gone beyond Greece itself and affected the very roots of the currency. Canadian Finance Minister

Jim Flaherty chaired a G-7 telephone conference of finance minister and central bankers on the Greek debt situation and he urged European countries to move quickly with a strong response. "The sooner the better," said Flaherty, who declined to talk about the details of the talks. "The key is that we move toward a resolution. This has to be resolved. It cannot go on

indefinitely."





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WORLD NEWS A7 Saturday, May 8, 2010 Korean leader makes scaled-down China visit

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN

Associated Press Writer

The BEIJING (AP) pompadour was gone, along with much of the paunch. North Korea's 68-year-old dictator Kim Jong Il appeared shriveled and worn during this week's scaled-down visit to China, signs that his health has deteriorated.

Kim, who almost never travels abroad, had clearly lost weight and hair and appeared to show signs of a stroke reportedly suffered in 2008. His left arm hung at his side much of the time, and he walked with a limp as is common among stroke patients.

South Korean experts also report Kim, known as heavy drinker, is undergoing kidney dialysis every two weeks.

Analysts pronounced the visit a success for both sides, with Kim appearing to obtain economic assistance and China achieving the prospect of greater stability on the peninsula, including indications that North Korea would return to six-nation nuclear disarmament talks that it abandoned in December 2008.

While the five-day visit was officially termed "unofficial" —freeing Kim from physically taxing events such as a formal welcoming ceremony — the fact that he made the journey at all shows how desperate he is for Chinese support, said Kim Dong-gil, deputy director of Peking University's Center for Korean Peninsula Studies. "That shows that they really badly need Chinese help, militarily, economically and most important, politically," said Kim.

Another analyst said the diminutive dictator may have traveled to Beijing to seek approval for his succession plans. Kim is said to be grooming a son, Kim Jong Un, to succeed him.

"They want that blessing," said Jin Canrong, of Beijing's Renmin University.

There was no sign that Kim's putative heir accompanied him on the trip.

Accompanied by his top military and Communist Party leaders, Kim's activities were

more circumscribed than in previous visits, limited to excursions to industrial zones in four cities, a banquet and a handful of meetings with Chinese leaders.

Television footage aired on Friday — the first official Chinese confirmation of his visit — showed Kim shaking hands with Chinese leaders at Beijing's Great Hall of the People, footage apparently shot Wednesday night. He exchanged comments with President Hu Jintao in a conference room, then stood and read from a piece of paper at a banquet table and exchanged toasts with red wine.

Other footage showed him visiting a biotechnology firm accompanied by Hu, during an excursion to Beijing's Zhongguancun high-tech zone believed to have happened Thursday morning. eccentric Kim is known to shun air travel and travels entirely by road and rail.

Despite his frail appearance, Kim's visit may have been intended to show that he remains in charge, said Kim Yong-hyun, a professor of North Korean affairs at Seoul's Dongguk University.

"It sends a message to the world that he is healthy and has no trouble running the country," Kim said.

The visit that began Monday had been shrouded in secrecy in keeping with Kim's reclusive ways. His armored train crossed the border back into North Korea midmorning after leaving Beijing on Thursday.

Kim's regime has been flailing from years of international sanctions, economic mismanagement, and a recent failed currency revaluation. It has grown ever more dependent on Chinese aid, investment, and diplomatic support, particularly in the wake of deteriorating ties with South Korea. Beijing appears eager to provide such support to prevent his impoverished country's implosion, which could touch off severe unrest on its border.

China, which sent troops to back North Korea during the 1950-53 Korean War, already provides most of the aid needed to prop up the economy and feed the North's malnourished population of 23 million.

"The visit has been in the interest of both parties," said Peking University's Kim. "It has helped stabilize North Korea's economy and achieve China goal of stability on the Korean Peninsula."

While no details have been announced, Kim said North Korea had likely won a commitment to provide crucial fertilizer once supplied by South Korea, along with major investments in mining

In this photo taken on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 and released by China's Xinhua News Agency on Friday May 7, 2010, Chinese President Hu Jintao, right, meets with North Korean leader Kim Jong II at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China.

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Big parties woo kingmaker in Britain's election





Britain's Liberal Democrats party leader, Nick Clegg speaks to the media as he arrives at their headquarter in London as election results are still being counted, Friday, Friday 7, 2010. The Conservatives strongly outpolled Labour in Britain's general election Thursday but were projected to fall short of being able to govern outright. Labour was on track to lose nearly 90 seats in Parliament but still thwarted the Conservatives from a victory that only a few months ago was considered inevitable. **Associated Press**

DANICA KIRKA JILL LAWLESS **Associated Press Writers**

LONDON (AP) — Britain's inconclusive election turned into high political drama Friday, with the Conservatives and Labour Party wooing a potential ally as the markets pressed for results and a public accustomed to clearer outcomes watched transfixed. Conservative leader David Cameron, ahead but shy of a majority, seized the initiative with a "comprehensive offer" to the ideologically dissimilar but possibly willing Liberal Democrats.

Labour incumbent Gordon Brown, beaten but still battling, dangled before the Liberal Democrats their dream of major electoral reform. A weekend of frantic negotiations loomed — but momentum seemed to be with the youthful Cameron.

Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg did not immediately respond in public to his opponents' overtures, but said earlier that the party that had gained the most seats and the most votes — the Conservatives — should have the first right to try to govern. "I think it is now for the Conservative Party to prove that it is capable of seeking to govern in the national interest," he said.

Ideologically, the center-left Clegg has more in common with Brown. Both oppose the immediate cuts Cameron says are needed to begin rebalancing Britain's debtburdened economy and both have attacked his Tories as the party of privilege. Clegg and Cameron over Britain's expensive submarinelaunched nuclear deterrent, which the Liberal Democrat leader has indicated he may want to scrap.

But the Conservatives have held out the tantalizing prospect of Liberal Democrat seats in a Tory government, with senior Conservative lawmaker William Hague saying Cabinet posts were not "off the table."

The 43-year-old Cameron said "we have to accept that we fell short of an overall majority" as results showed his party had won 306 of the 650 seats in the House of Commons less than the 326 needed for outright victory.

"Britain needs strong, stable decisive government and it is in the national interest that we get that on a secure basis. ... I want to make a big, open and comprehensive offer to the Liberal Democrats," he said. But Cameron promised only a "committee of inquiry" to look into the Liberal Democrats' major goal, reform of Britain's electoral system so that the number of seats gained is based on the percentage of vote a party achieves. They say that is fairer than the current system, in which a party can win a parliamentary majority by getting only a third of votes.

Cameron also left open the option of trying to form a minority government if the Liberal Democrats turned him down. Brown, too, appealed to the Liberal Democrats to make a deal, and went farther than Cameron by promising quick legislation on electoral reform.

"There needs to be immediate legislation on this to begin to restore the public's trust in politics," Brown said.

"The question for all the political parties now is whether a parliamentary majority can be established that reflects what you, the electorate, have told us," Brown said in a statement delivered outside 10 Downing St. — still his home, at least for now.

Even a deal with the Liberal would Democrats leave

has clashed with Brown Labour a few seats short of a majority, meaning they would have to turn to Scottish and Welsh nationalists for further support.

> Final results in Thursday's electiongavetheConservatives 306 seats it the 650 seat House of Commons. Labour won 258 seats, the Liberal Democrats 57, and smaller parties 28. Voting in one constituency was postponed until later this month because of the death of a candidate.

> Thursday's closely fought election was the first since 1974 to produce a "hung Parliament," in which no party has overall control. The prospect of days, and possibly weeks, of political horsetrading unsettled the financial markets. As the pound and the FTSE-100 index fell sharply, pressure mounted for a quick solution.

> "It's vital that this political vacuum is filled as quickly as possible," said Miles Templeman, director general of business group the Institute of Directors. "The country simply can't afford an extended period of political horse-trading which delays much-needed action to tackle the deficit."

> Observers both inside and out of the country were following developments with interest.

> "It's a bit fascinating to watch," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters Friday. "We look forward to working with whoever is the prime minister."

> Cameron and Clegg held telephone talks Friday, kicking off a furious round of negotiations. Clegg was later seen leaving his party's headquarters near Parliament, while Hague and George Osborne, another senior Tory figure, were both seen leaving a meeting at the Cabinet office.

> All declined to comment on the prospects of any potential deal.

> Although Britain has no written constitution, senior civil servants have been careful to lay out the rules in the event of a hung Parliament and avoid even more marketrattling uncertainty.



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New violence mars moves toward Thai compromise

DENIS D. GRAY Associated Press Writer BANGKOK (AP) — New violence erupted in the Thai capital night, killing

a policeman and marring tentative progress to resolving a sometimes bloody twomonth standoff between the government and protesters who are seeking new elections.

Protesters seeking the prime minister's ouster haggled Friday over terms of a governmentreconciliationplan that could end their protracted demonstrations that have shut down much of Bangkok's commercial district.

The protesters, known as the Red Shirts, say they agree in principle with a proposal by Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva to dissolve Parliament and hold new polls — their key demands — but want more specific details and assurance that Abhisit has the full support of his coalition partners and other political actors.

But late Friday night, the sense of relative calm that has prevailed for several days was disturbed by a mysterious incident near where grenades exploded on April 22, killing

several others. The area, close to an encampment of the protesters, is guarded by many police and soldiers.

witness, Decha Phoonpanang, said either a small explosive or gunshots whizzed past him, shattering the glass storefront of a bank and hitting two policemen — one in the stomach — and a man in the leg.

A spokesman for nearby Chulalongkorn Hospital said the policemen had been admitted there, and one needed an immediate operation, but would not provide further details.

The official Erawan emergency center said the incident involved multiple gunshots, and that one of the policemen had died.

A wounded but conscious woman and a 58-year-old man, fully conscious with minor wounds, were admitted to two other hospitals.

Slightly more than two hours later, about three explosions could be heard in an adjacent street that fronts a park. The Erawan center said four soldiers had been wounded, though Thai media reported

one person and wounding that the casualties were police officers. Other soldiers quickly cordoned off the area next to Lumpini Park.

> Associated Press reporters saw some shrapnel and indentation in the road that appeared to have been caused by an explosion, as well as a trail of blood. No official information was immediately released about the incident.

> Earlier Friday, the Red Shirts - formally known as the United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship, or UDD — reiterated their commitment to join the government's reconciliation process.

> "If everything ends without violence or loss of lives, the UDD will not consider that a victory of any particular party - not the Red Shirts, not the government, but the whole country," said Nattawut Saikua, one of the group's leaders.

> "We have not decided when to end the protest," he added. Other activists who oppose the

> Red Shirts have denounced the peace offering as a capitulation and demanded that Abhisit clear their encampments or step down.

> Some factions on all sides



Anti-government "Red Shirt" leader, Nattawut Saikua tells the media that the opposition are generally in favor of the Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva's reconciliation plan but the details are still being worked out and expected a conclusion soon, Friday, May 7, 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand. Thailand's prime minister said Thursday he would dissolve Parliament in September, meeting a key demand of anti-government protesters, but only if they end their crippling occupation of Bangkok's commercial district.

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oppose a settlement, making it The plan includes respect difficult to pinpoint an obvious suspect in the new violence.

The nearly two-month standoff in Bangkok has hammered the economy, decimated the tourist industry and ground government machinery to a near halt. Clashes with soldiers and other violence earlier killed 27 people and injured nearly 1,000.

Abhisit unveiled a proposal that included new elections on Nov. 14 — about a year before his term would end — if the protesters left their encampment in the heart of the Thai capital. The Parliament must be dissolved at least 45 days before the elections.

for the monarchy, reforms to resolve economic injustice, media reforms, independent investigations of violence connected with the protests, and amending the constitution to be more fair to all political parties.

But the date of the dissolution of Parliament has since become a sticking point, with the Red Shirts insisting it be specified and Abhisit saying only it would happen in time for the November election, but possibly as early as September. No date would be fixed if the Red Shirts did not agree to the plan, said the prime minister

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Will Smith signs for 'Men In Black 3': studio



Will Smith has signed on to star in "Men In Black III," a third film in the hit franchise about secret agents responsible for policing extra-terrestrials on earth, Columbia Pictures announced Friday

(AFP/Getty Images/File/John M. Heller)

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – Will Smith has signed on to star in "Men In Black III," a third film in the hit franchise about secret agents responsible for extra-terrestrials

on earth, Columbia Pictures announced Friday.

A statement said the new film, to be released in 3D, would hit cinema screens in North America on May 25, 2012, with Smith reprising his role as the alien-hunting Agent

While Smith's participation in the film has been confirmed, negotiations were ongoing with Tommy Lee Jones, who played Smith's partner, Agent Kay, in the first two films.

Oscar-nominated "Milk" star Josh Brolin is also in talks to star in the film, Columbia said in a statement distributed by parent company Sony Pictures Entertainment.

The first two "Men in Black" films, released in 1997 and 2002, went on to become two of the most successful films in Columbia Pictures history, earning more one billion dollars combined worldwide

CNN documentary focuses on Haitian children

By DAVID BAUDER, **AP Television Writer**

NEW YORK - Soledad O'Brien hopes her new CNN documentary on Haiti can influence improvements in the way children fare in the poor society.

Saturday's film "Rescued" focuses on two children who stay at an orphanage run by American missionaries.

One girl was abandoned by her parents when she was a baby, and a teenage boy was rescued after he was sold into slavery for \$12.

O'Brien's new documentary unit was formed to focus on American stories, but she found this more urgent tale while in Haiti covering the aftermath of the January earthquake.

She says "Rescued" tells of the type of children people see in pictures when asked for



In this February 2010 publicity image released by CNN, CNN correspondent Soledad O'Brien, right, interviews Marc Kenson Oliphi a Haitian boy orphaned by the Jan. 2010 earthquake, for the documentary 'Rescued,' airing Saturday, May 8, 2010 on

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the money could be used not only for relief, but also to

donations. She says she hopes more permanently improve conditions for children.





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Largest hiring burst in years, but jobless rate up



A "Now Hiring" sign is seen on the back of a Fresh Direct grocery delivery truck in New York City May 6, 2010. The number of U.S. workers filing new applications for unemployment insurance fell slightly less than expected last week, government data showed on Thursday, implying a measured job market recovery.

REUTERS/Lucas Jackson

By JEANNINE AVERSA, AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON – The economy got what it needed in April: A burst of hiring that added a net 290,000 jobs, the biggest monthly total in four years.

The improving picture caused so many more people to pour into the labor force in search of employment that the jobless rate rose from 9.7 percent to 9.9 percent.

The hiring last month of 66,000 temporary government workers to conduct the census added to overall job creation. But private employers — the backbone of the economy — contributed the most: A surprisingly strong 231,000 jobs, the most since March 2006, the Labor Department said Friday.

The new jobs, generated by sectors across the economy, are the first sign that the recovery is adding significant numbers of new positions — even if not enough to absorb the influx of jobseekers. That's why the unemployment rate rose.

The encouraging message in Friday's report, though, is that

employers are finally hiring again.

"Companies have a newfound confidence in the future of the economic recovery and on the part of their own business prospects," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors. "The broad-based job gains are an indication that businesses are feeling more comfortable about expanding their work forces," he said.

President Barack Obama called the addition of 290,000 jobs in April "very encouraging news." But he said much remains to be done to get Americans back to work.

"This week's jobs numbers comes as a relief to Americans who found a job," Obama said. "But it offers obviously little comfort to those who are still out of work."

The unemployment rate rose in April, mainly because a flood of 805,000 jobseekers—perhaps feeling better about their prospects—resumed their searches for work.

Many economists have predicted the unemployment rate would rise as people come back into the labor force. The

jobless rate hit 10.1 percent in October, a 26-year high. The rate could climb back up to the 10 percent range in the months ahead, Naroff said.

In a separate report Friday, the Federal Reserve said consumer borrowing rose \$1.95 billion in March, an unexpected increase and only the second gain in the last 14 months. That was better than the \$3.8 billion drop economists expected.

The two reports sketched out a picture of a healing jobs market, growing consumer confidence and an economy picking up momentum in the early spring.

Wall Street appeared to look past the more positive U.S. jobs report and instead focused on Europe's spreading debt crisis. The trouble overseas sent the Dow Jones industrial average plunging nearly 1,000 points Thursday before recovering most of its losses. Stock prices on Friday were fluctuating sharply, as they often do the day after a big slide. By late afternoon, the Dow Jones industrial average was down more than 170 points. The surprisingly high number of jobs added in April offered the latest evidence that businesses are feeling more confident in the recovery. Consumers increased their spending in March by the largest amount in five months. Factory production grew in April at the fastest pace in nearly six years and demand grew briskly for a variety of Job gains in April were

services in that same month. Job gains in April were widespread. Manufacturers, construction companies, retailers, professional and business services, education and health services, leisure and hospitality, and government all showed gains.



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday, May 7, 2010.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Stocks falter after wild day, Europe woes linger

By STEPHEN BERNARD and SETH SUTEL,

AP Business Writers

NEW YORK – Stocks had another volatile day, swinging widely before closing sharply lower.

The Dow Jones industrials ended Friday with a loss of about 140 points, having been down almost 280 earlier. That followed a brief plunge of nearly 1,000 points on Thursday, the biggest one-day drop in the Dow's history. Stocks often trade erratically the day after a big slide.

Traders were still anxious amid lingering questions about what caused Thursday's sudden drop. Several possibilities were being investigated, but as of late Friday no clear explanation had emerged.

The market looked past a surprisingly strong report on the U.S. jobs market and focused instead on the harrowing plunge the day before and the latest moves in Europe's spreading debt crisis.

Technology stocks were particularly hard hit following reports that Nokia Corp. was broadening its legal fight against rival cell phone maker Apple Inc. to include the iPad, Apple's new hit product. Apple shares fell 4.2 percent in heavy trading.

Europe's debt problems again weighed on stocks. Germany's parliament approved Berlin's share of the rescue package after a boisterous debate. However, investors still fear that Greece may not make a May 19 deadline to make a debt repayment.

The concerns go far beyond Greece, the smallest economy in the European Union. A further loss of confidence in European government debt could have an impact on other weak countries like Portugal, potentially requiring another difficult bailout process. The debt crisis has already badly undermined Europe's shared currency, the euro.

"You're not concerned about the kid with the cold, but how he spreads it to the rest of the class," said Len Blum, a managing partner at investment bank Westwood Capital. Blum noted that Greece's debt problem could be similar to the subprime mortgage meltdown in the U.S., which quickly spread to other parts of the financial system.

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SPURIS ENDING

Westwood takes early lead at Sawgrass

DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP)—Lee Westwood ran off three straight birdies to start his back nine Friday on his way to a 7-under 65 that gave the Englishman a one-shot lead after two rounds of the Players Championship.

Westwood tries to save his best for the big events.

While he didn't put this tournament in the top five, it was prestigious enough to motivate him.

"As you get older, it gets harder to peak all the time when you want to," said Westwood, a 37-year-old Englishman. "You have to pick and choose your ones, and you want to play well



Lee Westwood, of England, chips to the 18th green during the second round of The Players Championship golf tournament Friday, May 7, 2010, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Westwood is 12-under par after the second round.

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in the biggest tournaments. And this is one of the biggest tournaments."

Westwood was at 12-under 132, the lowest score to lead after 36 holes at The Players Championship since 1994, when Greg Norman was at 14 under on his way to setting the 72-hole record.

Ryuji Imada, Francesco Molinari and Heath Slocum were a stroke back.

But as the wind picked up and the temperatures rose late in the afternoon, there were signs that the TPC Sawgrass was starting to get firm after two days of relatively soft conditions.

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson will be around for the weekend, which is about all that could be said for golf's two biggest stars. Woods overcame one tee shot that flew off to the right at a 45-degree angle and gave him double bogey for a 1-under 71. Mickelson flirted with the cut line late in the day until making a tough chip look easy for birdie on the 16th. He shot

They were at 3-under 141, nine shots behind.

That might be too far back on a course where there already have been 73 rounds in the 60s, the most after two days on the Stadium Course since 1993. But with more heat and more wind, the final two days could be as unpredictable as

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NBA Playoffs

Magic beat Hawks 112-98,

Lead series 2-0



Atlanta Hawks center Jason Collins (34) fouls Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard during the first half in Game 2 of the second round of the NBA basketball playoffs in Orlando, Fla., Thursday, May 6, 2010.

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ORLANDO, Florida (AP)
— Dwight Howard came back from a bloody nose to finish with 29 points and 17 rebounds, lifting the Orlando Magic to a 112-98 win over the Atlanta Hawks on Thursday, taking a 2-0 lead in the NBA Eastern Conference semifinal

series.

Vince Carter had 24 points with some big shots late and Rashard Lewis finished with 20 points, leading Orlando's 19-2 run in the fourth quarter. The perennially poor free-throw shooting Howard also was 13 for 18 from the line.

"Every time I step up there, just believing it was going in," he said.

After a 43-point loss in the opener, Atlanta led early but head home still searching for a way to stop the Magic's 12-game winning streak. Al Horford led the Hawks with 24 points, and Joe Johnson had 19 points.

Game 3 is Saturday in Atlanta.

Howard made a layup as he was slapped in the face inadvertently by Horford to start the third quarter, the blood pouring from the Magic center's nose. Howard shot the free throw — and missed — with plugs in his nostrils, holding back laughter, and then left for about 2 minutes so trainers could stop the bleeding.

The play started an 11-2 run that erased Atlanta's early nine-point lead and put the Magic ahead 62-59.



Philadelphia Phillies' Roy Halladay, left, prepares to pitch to St. Louis Cardinals' Nick Stavinoha in the first inning of a baseball game, Thursday, May 6, 2010, in Philadelphia.

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NL Roundup

Phillies beat Cardinals For third straight time

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia pitcher Roy Halladay had another impressive outing as the Phillies' boom recruit steered the team to a 7-2 win over St. Louis Cardinals in the National League on Friday.

Halladay (6-1) allowed one earned run in seven innings. He tied a season high with nine strikeouts, and even talked manager Charlie Manuel into letting him get one more out after allowing a run in the seventh.

Jayson Werth hit a three-run homer and Raul Ibanez also went long as Philadelphia took three of the last four in the series between NL divisional leaders.

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Golf fan Tasered, arrested at Players Championship



St. Johns Sheriff's Deputies cuff and pick up Travis Parmelee, of Jacksonville who was tasered by the deputies after repeated requests for him to calm down while in the area behind the 11th hole at The Players Championship golf tournament in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Friday, May 7, 2010. Parmelle had been allegedly yelling and heckling at fans and golfers. Parmelle was charged with disorderly intoxication and resisting arrest without violence for the incident.

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PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. – A 36-year-old man attending the second round of The Players Championship was subdued by a Taser on Friday. Travis Parmelee, of Jacksonville, was charged with disorderly intoxication and resisting arrest without violence, said St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Capt. Dave Messenger.

Messenger said course marshals notified officers that Parmelee was yelling at players and being belligerent near the 11th hole. Officers responded and attempted to calm Parmelee down, but they said he became more combative.

They tried to take Parmelee into custody, but he resisted and was Tasered once.

"He was at the point where it was time for law enforcement to step in," Messenger said. "Our goal is to escort people off the property, but it was clear he wasn't going to go with us." Parmelee pulled away as officers tried to put him into a golf cart, Messenger said, prompting one to touch him with a stun gun. Messenger said it was clear Parmelee had been drinking.

"Most people really want to watch golf, and others came out here to drink," Messenger said. The PGA Tour said in a statement that its position "has always been that anything that disrupts the competition or the enjoyment of our fans will be dealt with accordingly, as was the case today."

The arrest came four days after a Philadelphia Police officer used a stun gun on a teenager dashing through the outfield during a Phillies game at Citizens Bank Park.

It also followed an odd Thursday night incident at TPC Sawgrass. Course

found a car parked on the par-3 No. 8 shortly after dark. According to a report filed by the Sheriff's Office, Vlach found William John Rinaldi

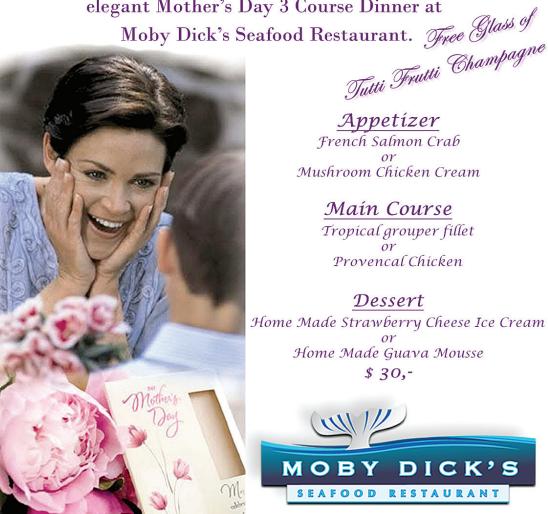
superintendent Tom Vlach and Brianna Lynn Borelli no damage to the green. Vlach inside the car with the engine running. Rinaldi refused to turn the motor off and get out of the car, so Vlach called 911. Officers responded and found Messenger said.

declined to press charges as long as the two were issued a trespass warning.

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Saturday, May 8, 2010 SPORTS

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Detroit Red Wings' Johan Franzen (93), of Sweden, scores his fourth goal of the first period against San Jose Sharks goalie Evgeni Nabokov (20), of Kazakhstan, in Game 4 of an NHL hockey Western Conference second-round playoff series in Detroit, Thursday, May 6, 2010.

Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Johan Franzen had a natural hat trick in a 3:26 span of the first period, scored a fourth goal in the third, and set a Red Wings playoff record with six points as Detroit stayed alive with a 7-1 rout of the San Jose

Sharks on Thursday in Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinals.

San Jose will host Game 5 on Saturday with another chance to advance to hockey's final four for the second time in franchise history.

NHL Playoffs

Franzen has 4 goals, 6 points; Wings stay alive

originally credited with scoring the first goal 5:40 into the game, but a scoring change gave the goal to Todd Bertuzzi. That prevented Franzen from tying the NHL playoff record with four goals in a period.

Valtteri Filppula put Detroit ahead 5-0 late in the first period on a shot that went off San Jose defenseman Douglas Murray and effectively ended goalie Evgeni Nabokov's night.

Nabokov made just four saves in the first period and was replaced by Thomas Greiss, who let the second shot he

faced get past him off Brian scored for Montreal, which Rafalski's one-timer.

San Jose took advantage of a 5-on-3 power play when Dany Heatley scored with 48.5 seconds left in the second period to make it 6-1.

Jimmy Howard making 28 saves for Detroit.

Canadiens 3, Penguins 2

At Montreal, Maxim Lapierre and Brian Gionta scored 1:33 apart early in the third period to lift Montreal over Pittsburgh in Game 4 and into a tie in the Eastern Conference semifinal

Jaroslav Halak stopped 33 shots, and Tom Pyatt also

trailed 2-1 through the first two periods while being outshot 25-9.

Maxime Talbot and Chris Kunitz scored 1:51 apart early in the first period to put Pittsburgh ahead. Pyatt had netted his first career playoff goal 2:34 in to put Montreal in

Lapierre drew the Canadiens even at 2 with a wraparound goal 2:20 into the third.

Game 5 is Saturday night in Pittsburgh.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 22 saves for the Penguins, who lost for the first time in five playoff road games.

NL ROUNDUP

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St. Louis starter Kyle Lohse (0-2) allowed five runs in four innings.

There was a moment of silence before the game for former Phillies pitcher Robin Roberts, who died Thursday. The Hall of Famer's No. 36 jersey was hung in the Philadelphia dugout and will remain there the rest of the season.

Giants 6, Marlins 3

In Miami, Matt Cain held Florida hitless until the sixth as San Francisco completed a three-game sweep.

Cain (2-1) worked into the eighth inning, giving up two runs. The Giants starters combined to allow just six runs in 21 innings over the series.

Aaron Rowand contributed a triple, a two-run single and a lunging catch in center field for San Francisco. He is 7 for 16 with seven RBIs in four games since coming off the disabled

Florida starter Ricky Nolasco (2-2) allowed three runs in six innings.

Nationals 3, Braves 2

In Washington, Scott Olsen took a no-hitter into the eighth inning, guiding Washington to a tight win over Atlanta.

Braves reliever Eric O'Flaherty (1-1) walked Adam Kennedy leading off the ninth. Peter Moylan came in and gave up a double to Ryan Zimmerman, then intentionally walked Cristian Guzman to load the bases with no outs. Pinch-hitter Willie Harris then grounded a single just past the second baseman for the winning run.

Tyler Clippard (4-0) got the final five outs for the Nationals and took the win.

Pirates 11, Cubs 1

In Pittsburgh, Lastings Milledge drove in four runs to help Pittsburgh earn its first sweep of Chicago in nearly four years. Garrett Jones added three RBIs as the Pirates won by more than four runs for the first time since opening day.

Pittsburgh stater Brian Burres (2-1) pitched seven shutout innings to win his second in a row. Before that, he hadn't won in nearly two seasons.

In other NL games it was, Philadelphia 7, St. Louis 2; Washington 3, Atlanta 2; Pittsburgh 11, Chicago Cubs 1; San Francisco 6, Florida 3; Arizona 6, Houston 3 and L.A. **Dodgers 7, Milwaukee 3.**



Jankovic beats Serena, too, in Rome semifinals

ANDREW DAMPF AP Sports Writer

ROME (AP) — Top-ranked Serena Williams squandered a match point in the Italian Open semifinals and lost to former No. 1 Jelena Jankovic 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5) on Friday.

Williams served for the match twice in the third set and was broken both times, wasting a match point when she hit a backhand long at 5-4. Williams jumped out to a 5-2 lead in the tiebreaker but missed four consecutive baseline shots to hand Jankovic her second final of the year.

"I wasn't playing the points right. I feel like I should have won, could have won," Williams said. "I think I had an apple in my throat, but it is Jankovic is aiming for her what it is." Jankovic is aiming for her third title at the Foro Italico

Having been out with a knee injury since her Australian Open title in January, however, Williams didn't want to dwell on the loss.

"I can't beat myself up over it — I just came back," she said.

Unseeded Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez of Spain prevented an all-Serb final on Saturday when she beat another former No. 1 — Ana Ivanovic — 6-4, 6-2.

Ivanovic, whose ranking has slipped to No. 58, struggled to counter Martinez Sanchez's serve-and-volley game. The 26th-ranked Spaniard also was effective with drop shots.

third title at the Foro Italico after winning in 2007 and 2008. She routed Serena's older sister Venus 6-0, 6-1 in the quarterfinals on Friday and became only the seventh player to beat both Williams in the same tournament — joining Aranxta Sanchez Vicario, Steffi Graf, Martina Hingis, Kim Clijsters, Lindsay Davenport and Justine Henin. Clijsters is the only player to achieve the feat twice.

"To beat both Williams sisters in two days is really amazing," Jankovic said. "I'm really proud of myself. It doesn't happy too often."

Jankovic and Williams, the 2002 Rome champion, had a



Serbia's Jelena Jankovic celebrates at the end of her semi-final tennis match against U.S. Serena Williams at the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome, Friday, May 7, 2010. Jankovic won 4 - 6, 6 - 3, 7 - 6.

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SAWGRASS

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"Because the character of the course is changing so much from the morning to the afternoon, the guys that are 2-, 3-, 4-under par are in the tournament," Mickelson said. "Because if they shoot 6-, 7-, 8-under par, they're going to move right up the leaderboard.

And it's going to be difficult for the leaders to pull away."

Angel Cabrera, Stewart Cink, Vijay Singh and defending champion Henrik Stenson won't be making any move at all. They were among 15 players poised to make the cut on the number at 1-under 143 until John Merrick make a birdie putt just outside 12 feet on the final hole to knock them out.

That tied the tournament record for the lowest cut at 142.

Westwood might be at the top of the list among those to have never won a major, with his 30 career victories and having not finished worse than third in the past two majors, including a runner-up to Mickelson at the Masters.

Slocum had perhaps the most impressive round of the day with a 66 in the afternoon, when balls started bouncing through some of the greens. He ran off three birdies to start his round and finished without a bogey on his card.

"I've felt good about my game for a while now," said Slocum, who last year at The Barclays holed a birdie putt on the final hole to beat Woods, Steve Stricker, Padraig Harrington and Ernie Els.

"It's just putting four rounds together and finishing a golf tournament."

Molinari had a 65 without a bogey in the morning, and suddenly his first trip to Sawgrass. The Italian Open is being held this week in his hometown, and brother Edoardo turned down this tournament to play at home.

The scoring is so low that Robert Allenby had a 70 to reach 8 under and shook his head as he saw the front page of the leaderboard, which was missing his name. Was it all that unusual? "At this place? Yes," he said. "Normally, 8 under is leading. But it's because the conditions are super soft."



Tiger Woods looks away after an errant tee shot on the 14th hole during the second round of The Players Championship golf tournament, Friday, May 7, 2010, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Woods shot landed in the middle of a small pond on the 12th fairway.

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tough time finding their groove at the start, with Williams the first to hold serve to go up 3-2.

Williams then stepped up her attacking game, trying to keep the points short with approach shots to the corners to set up easy put-aways at the net.

Williams won the first set with a big forehand return of serve that Jankovic shanked way off court. However, Williams began to struggle on the longer points — with her fitness apparently an issue — and Jankovic broke at love to go up 4-3 in the second set when Williams committed unforced errors in succession. Williams double-faulted to concede the second set.

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AL Roundup

Rays beat Mariners, win on road again

SEATTLE (AP) — The Tampa Bay Rays won 8-0 on Thursday to complete a three-game sweep of the Seattle Mariners in the American League, stretching its remarkable road record to 12-1.

Tampa Bay starter Jeff Niemann (2-0) overcame a second-inning anomaly of throwing 11 straight balls, and kept Seattle scoreless as he went into the seventh inning. Carl Crawford finished a triple short of the cycle as the Rays kept rolling on the best start in club history.

The Mariners lost their sixth straight and placed starting left fielder Milton Bradley on the restricted list while he deals with personal issues.

Seattle starter Ryan Rowland-Smith (0-2) failed to make it through the fifth, battered for six runs in his shortest outing of the season.

Blue Jays 2, White Sox 0

In Chicago, Toronto extended its winning streak to five games by beating Chicago. Blue Jays starter Dana Eveland (3-1) was in control through



Tampa Bay Rays starter Jeff Niemann sits up after he was hit by a line drive off the bat of Baltimore Orioles' Miguel Tejada during the second inning of a MLB baseball game Thursday, April 8, 2010 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Niemann left the game after throwing a few pitches from the mound.

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seven scoreless innings and outdueled another lefty, White Sox starter John Danks (3-1). Chicago got a man on second with one out in the ninth, but Toronto closer Kevin Gregg struck out two batters to secure victory.

In Boston, Victor Martinez homered and drove in four runs as Boston completed a four-game sweep of Los Angeles.

Martinez's two-run homer in the third cut the Angels lead to 4-2 and his two-run double in the fifth tied it. The Red Sox added three more runs in the fifth via Jeremy Hermida's two-run single and Darnell McDonald's RBI double.

Boston starter Daisuke Matsuzaka (1-1) retired 13 of the last 16 batters he faced after allowing four runs in the first. Its the first time Boston has been over .500 since opening night.

Los Angeles starter Scott Kazmir (2-2) gave up seven runs in 4 1-3 innings as the Angels dropped its seventh straight game.

In Minneapolis, Ty Wigginton hit his 10th home run of the season to help Baltimore beat Minnesota.

Wigginton moved into second place behind Chicago's Paul Konerko (12) on the AL home run list.

Orioles starter Brad Bergesen (2-2), who failed to last past the fifth in each of his first four starts, made it through 6 2-3 scoreless innings.

Minnesota starter Carl Pavano (3-3) threw 70 of his 97 pitches for strikes but lost despite allowing on two runs in eight innings.

In Arlington, Josh Hamilton and Vladimir Guerrero hit back-to-back homers in the eighth inning as Texas pulled out a free-scoring victory over Kansas City despite blowing an early eight-run lead.

The Royals had finally taken their first lead of the game in the top of the eighth and brought in closer Joakim Soria (0-1) with two outs in the bottom of the inning. Hamliton homered and Guerrero followed.

Rangers reliever Frank Francisco (4-3) gave up a run in one inning.

Texas' Neftali Feliz struck out two of the three batters he faced for his seventh save in eight chances.

In other AL games it was, Boston 11, L.A. Angels 6; Texas 13, Kansas City 12; Baltimore 2, Minnesota 0; Toronto 2, Chicago White Sox 0; and Tampa Bay 8, Seattle 0.□

Montreal to join MLS in 2012 as 19th team

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Montreal will join Major League Soccer as its 19th team in 2012.

The team, announced at a news conference Friday, will be owned by the Saputo family, which currently runs the Montreal Impact of the U.S. Soccer Federation D-2 Pro League.

It will play mostly in Saputo Stadium, which is to undergo about \$23 million Canadian in renovations and have a 20,000-seat capacity.

Some games will be in Olympic Stadium, the home of baseball's Montreal Expos from 1977-04.

MLS currently has 16 teams. Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, British Columbia, were announced in March 2009 as expansion teams for 2011.



This April 28, 2010, file photo shows Montreal Impact's Cedric Joqueviel clearing the ball despite pressure from Toronto FC's Chad Barrett during second half action in the Nutrilite Canadian Championship in Toronto. Major League Soccer has called a Friday, May 7, 2010, news conference to announce it is awarding an expansion team to Montreal.

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Marriott Hosts 6 Press Members from The USA and Canada

International Press Group Enjoys Dushi Aruba



Marriott Resort is currently

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and Canada. This is first time visiting the island of Aruba and the group was welcomed with a sunset dinner at Marriott's beachfront restaurant Simply

On Thursday morning, De Palm Tours provided the journalists with an extensive jeep safari tour, showing them the other side of the island followed by an afternoon stroll in downtown Oranjestad.

On Friday, the press enjoyed a



beautiful morning snorkeling on the Red

Sail catamaran and afternoon spa treatments at Marriott's Mandara Spa.

Journalist Jen Aranoff considers her trip to Aruba "Dushi Bida". The press trip ended Friday evening

with drinks at Café 080 and a farewell dinner at popular Papiamento restaurant. The Aruba Marriott would like to thank De Palm Tours, Red Sail Sports, Café 080 and Papiamento restaurant for their cooperation and hospitality with the press trip.























PALM BEACH - Sunspecs Sunglass Boutique officially opened its brand new store yesterday in Palm Beach Plaza Mall. The new boutique, which is exclusively for all kinds of designer sunglasses, celebrated in its 25th Anniversary as well at the new store with a big party, a nicely catered affair which included all their friends and colleagues.

Pampered Pirate, N.V. is the holding company for Sunspecs, and it is proudly owned by Greg & Jeff Johnson, 2 brothers from Aruba who were present to greet the guests and receive congratulations from all its guests and visitors. Directors of 3 different banks congratulated the owners and congenial employees. The full staff were there during the celebration to help customers choose from many different lines of sunglass wear: Ray-Ban, Dolce & Gabbana, Chanel, Maui Jim, Chanel,





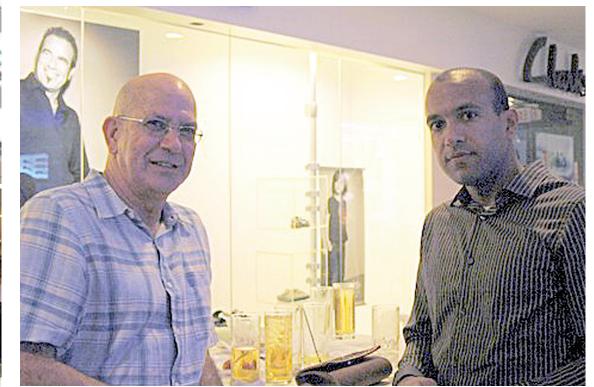
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Grammy Award winning Poet J Ivy & International noted Female MC Zanillya Farrell

Stars joining Forces to teach Aruba's youth Poetry & Rap!



ORANJESTAD - If you haven't heard about this Summer's leading Arts Program "Art Rules Aruba", it is time you get acquainted. Bringing together a team of renowned international Artist from cities including London, Amsterdam, New York, Quebec and of course Aruba, Art Rules Aruba introduces an international Arts Program that will turn this summer OUT!

2-WEEK intensive workshop program running from July 16th to august 1st, will give teens between the age of 14 and 21 the opportunity to experience the ultimate international exchange of Arts with workshops given in Theater, Dance, Photography, DJ-ing, Film, Fashion and Poetry & Rap. Speaking of Rap & Poetry, meet the two Art Directors that will be giving the Rap & Poetry workshops and are part of an extraordinary team of Artists coming to the Island this summer.

Haling from Obama's hometown Chicago, Director of Rap & Poetry J Ivy is one of his kind. His motivational motto, "Dreams Don't Come

True, They Are True" has guided him from his native home Chicago to becoming a Grammy Award Winning Artist, for a song he did with rappers Kanye West & Jay Z on the track "Never Let Me Down" from West's album The College Drop Out. J Ivy is also the 1st African-American Poet to represent Chicago on Russell Simmons Award winning HBO Def Poetry. A television show on HBO that offers a platform to Spoken word and Poetry Artists. Beyond the music and television realm, J Ivy continues to support community arts through his Dream Big Foundation, encouraging young people to explore careers in the arts, participating in Chicago Public Schools' programmers with performances, poetry workshops and motivational dialogues and seminars. J Ivy ioins Zanillva Maria Farrell who hails from Aruba dushi

She is a rapper, poet and actress that have got great notice and

success both local and international as a recording artist and poet.

She has released music in

to Japan, also performing on numerous stages including Amsterdam's Black Magic Woman Festival, Crimejazz Festival, Rotterdam's Carnival and achieving a performance for the Royal Queen of the Netherlands Queen Beatrix. Zanillya also completed a study in the theater dance program

College of the Arts, where she gained her experience in theater and developed her talents and skills as an actress. Currently Zanillya is attending the Rock Academy in Tilburg The Netherlands for her Bachelors in Music.

Together J Ivy and Zanillya are getting ready to prepare a

the Netherlands all the way 5 O'Clock at Amsterdam's special Rap & Poetry workshop for all the young talents on the Island interested in writing or performing, sharing their own talents, knowledge and skills with Aruba's youth. For more information on J Ivy and Zanillya or how to apply to the workshops or any of it's other disciplines visits www. artrulesaruba.com□

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"Mother's Day Raffle Campaign" at Paseo Herencia





NOORD - Paseo Herencia Shopping & Entertainment Center just launched their "Mother's Day Raffle Campaign". With every purchase of \$20 or more at any store or restaurant at Paseo Herencia, you will receive a raffle ticket to participate in the raffle campaign to win fabulous prizes. campaign The already started and will end on May 9th. The winners will be announced on May 11th in the newspapers and radio.

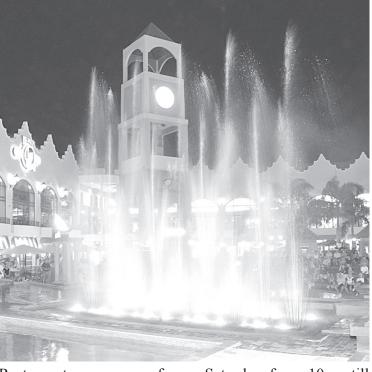
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Mother's Day, many stores and restaurants at Paseo Herencia Shopping Entertainment Center will have a wide variety of gift special discounts and also special menu's for that day. On plaza Padu of Paseo Herencia Shopping & Entertainment Center visitors will

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What is Your Spirit

We talk a lot about our spirit, and it is important to have a clear understanding of what we mean by the word. Don't focus on the word, focus on the intention and energy behind it. It is your key to freedom from three dimensional illusion. Spirit is our direct connection to the power behind the hologram. We all come from the same

Source. We are individual ice cubes in a glass of water. When we're in bodies, we're the ice cube, but when the ice melts and the physical body dies, our consdiousness becomes one with the water in the glass. The water molecules that made up our body still exist, but are now part of the water, without the temporary illusion of being separate from the water in the form of ice.

Beyond three dimensions there exists an ocean of Infinite Consciousness. In order to play in three dimensions, the Infinite Consciousness shattered itself, then put each piece into a separate physical representation, the Human Body.

When I talk about Your Spirit, I am referring to an individual piece of the shattered Infinite Consciousness that is inside your physical body, expressing as you. Your Spirit knows that it is a piece of the Whole. Your Spirit is an aspect of yourself, who is aware of it's connection to the Infinite Consciousness. It is you, even though your physical mind is not aware of it

Before Your Spirit enters a

physical body, you set clear intentions for your physical life. General experiences and paths of growth are laid out. Your Spirit oversees and directs the illusion of your hologram. Your Spirit is an aspect of yourself who knows that three dimensional illusion is not real. Since it is beyond duality, Your Spirit does not know pain, suffering, pleasure or joy, and is always fully aware that it is a part of the Infinite Consciousness. Your spirit cares only about the lessons it is tasked with showing you.

Your Spirit is your personal guide through experience of the illusion of separation. When we ignore our personal Spirit, we ignore our connection to the Infinite, and being blind in the illusion has been the purpose of three dimensional expression, until now. Now is the time to reconnect with Your Spirit on a conscious level. Universal Energies are aligning in ways that encourage you to become aware of Your Spirit, so go with it.

Your Spirit is the aspect of yourself who knows you are

One with All. Your Spirit is you, so learn to listen to yourself.

Until Tomorrow...

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~Quentin Danziger

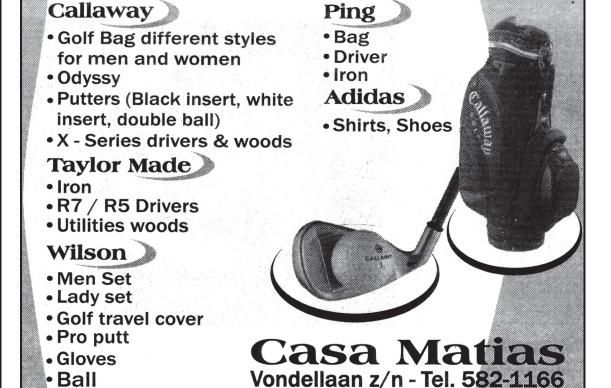
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HumanHints is the culmination of hisknowledge, experience and practice. These free daily emails detail concrete, real-world techniques to consciously create any future you choose, while in the throes of daily life created by outdated modes of thought.

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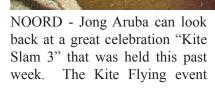


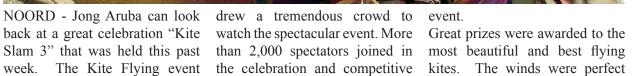














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In his new illusion he calls; "PRESENT", a tall girl steps into a tiny box, elevated in-the-air, the box spins 360 degrees, then the sections are taken away, one by one, until the girl vanishes completely... right before your eyes!

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triumphant reappearance. It's an all new original illusion not seen anywhere else in the world. I went back to see the show during rehearsals, and still couldn't figure out the secret.

Tourists and local fans will remember Steinfeld for past performances, in Aruba, and on network television, Mr. Steinfeld recently authored "the Houdini Conspiracy", aka "Houdini Lives!", a collaborated work with new england mystery writer Al Blanchard, he believes will be turned into a feature film.

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Traditional Orange Bike Parade in Miami promotes Aruba



ORANJESTAD / MIAMI - The Annual Orange Bike Parade took place at the Peacock Park in beautiful

Koninginnedag or Queen's Day is a national holiday in the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles, and Aruba, on 30



Wichita Villacres, President and CEO of ECO Destination Management reports that the parade serves to teach the community about walking and biking, as an excellent, fun alternative to riding in gasguzzling, polluting vehicles, and the lesson is especially valuable as far as kids are concerned. Wichita adds.

For that reason, ECO DMS donated two children's bikes for the raffle, and sponsored the music, introducing the Coconut Grove community to the Dutch and the Dutch Caribbean. Other grand prizes included stays at Aruba's famous hotels such as the Renaissance Aruba Resort, Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, and The Mill Resort & Suites, as well as Breezes and Avila Beach in Curacao.

Our picture depicts Lucita Moenir-Alam, Consul General and Consul of The Kingdom of The Netherlands, Xavier Prinze, Consul Netherlands Antillean Affairs, Julieta Reyes, Assistant to the Consul General and the Consul of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, with Miami Mayor, Tomas



Regalado City Manager, Carlos Migota, Geraldine Coutinho-Meyers, Tourism Authority,

and Wichita Villacres, ECO DMS ARUBA/ECO DMS CURACAO, with the winners of the prizes.



Coconut Grove Park, on a recent weekend.

The event, organized by the City of Miami and Coconut Grove is fully supported by the Dutch Consulate in Florida and by many related companies with commercial and historical ties to the Netherlands and the Dutch Caribbean. Amongst companies in attendance, the Aruba Tourism Authority, the Curacao Tourist Board and **ECODestination Management** Services of Aruba, ECO Management Destination Services of Curacao, and the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort in Aruba. The event has become a tradition, as it introduces biking as part of the environmentally friendly lifestyle practiced by the Dutch and the Royal House of Orange.

The Annual Orange Bike coincides Parade with Queen's Birthday, a national holiday honoring Queen Beatrix' birthday, celebrated on her mom's birthday, the late Queen Juliana.





RESERVATION SUGGESTED

Saturday, May 8, 2010 LOCAL America's favorite birth control method turns 50

AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO – A world without "the pill" is unimaginable to many young women who now use it to treat acne, skip periods, improve mood and, of course, prevent pregnancy. They might be surprised to learn that U.S. officials announcing approval of the world's first oral contraceptive were uncomfortable.

"Our own ideas of morality had nothing to do with the case," said John Harvey of the Food and Drug Administration in 1960.

The pill was safe, in other words. Don't blame us if you think it's wicked.

Sunday, Mother's Day, is the 50th anniversary of that provocative announcement that introduced to the world what is now widely acknowledged as one of the most important inventions of the last century.

The world has changed, but it's debatable what part the birth control pill played. Some experts think it gets too much credit or blame for the sexual revolution. After all, sex outside of marriage wasn't new in 1960.

The pill definitely changed sex though, giving women more control over their fertility than they'd ever had before and permanently putting doctors — who previously didn't see contraceptives as part of their job — in the birth control picture.

But some things haven't changed. Now as then, a male birth control pill is still on the drawing board.

"There's a joke in this field that a male pill is always five to seven years away from the market, and that's what people have been saying since 1960," said Andrea Tone, a history professor at Montreal's McGill University and author of "Devices and Desires: A History of Contraception in America."

The pill is America's favorite form of reversible birth control. (Sterilization is the leader overall.) Nearly a third



FILE - In this August 1974 file photo, a woman holds a birth control pill dispenser in New York. America's favorite birth control method turns 50 on Sunday, May 9, 2010. The pill is now widely acknowledged as one of the most important inventions of the last century.

(AP Photo/Jerry Mosey, File)

of sexual anarchy," she said.

of women who want to prevent unwanted pregnancies use it. "In 2008, Americans spent more than \$3.5 billion on birth control pills," Tone said, "and we've gone from the one pill to 40 different brands."

There are Yaz, Yasmin, Seasonale, Seasonique and Lybrel — all with slightly different packaging, formulations and selling points. Lybrel is the first pill designed to eliminate menstrual periods entirely, although gynecologists say any generic can do the same thing if you skip the placebo and take the active pill every

In the 1960s, anthropologist Ashley Montagu thought the birth control pill was as important as the discovery of fire. Turns out it wasn't the answer to overpopulation, war and poverty, as some of its early advocates had hoped. Nor did it universally save marriages.

"Married couples could have happier sex with more freedom and less fear. The divorce rate might go down and there would be no more unwanted pregnancies," said Elaine Tyler May, 62, a University of Minnesota history professor who wrote "America and the

"None of those things happened, not the optimistic hopes or the pessimistic fears

And it didn't eliminate all unwanted pregnancies either. Nearly half of all pregnancies to U.S. women are unintended and nearly half of those end in abortion, according to the Guttmacher Institute, which has gathered data on abortions

The pill is often associated with the women's movement of the 1970s. But the two feminists behind the pill, the ones who provided the intellectual spark and the financial backing, were born a century earlier, in the 1870s.

for years.

As suffragists worked for the vote, renowned birth control pioneer Margaret Sanger distributed pamphlets with contraceptive advice and dreamed of a magic pill to prevent pregnancy.

Her grandson, Alex Sanger, 62, now chair of the International Planned Parenthood Council, remembers playing catch as a boy with his famous grandmother and eating her firehouse-spicy food.

"My grandmother had the idea for the pill back in 1912 when she was working on the lower East Side of New York," Alex Sanger said. "She saw women resorting to back alley, illegal abortions.

One too many of these women died in her arms and she said 'Enough.'

Genes Tie Blood Fat to Heart Disease

Aruba TODAY

Scientists have long debated the role triglyceride levels might play in heart disease, and finally they have genetic evidence linking high concentrations of the blood fat to an increased risk of heart trouble.

Until now, cholesterol levels were the key targets of heart disease prevention efforts, but experts say a new report in the May 8 issue of The Lancet may revise that thinking.

Triglycerides, a major source of human energy, are produced by the liver or derived from foods. "Despite several decades of research, it has remained uncertain whether raised levels of triglyceride can cause heart disease," said lead researcher Nadeem Sarwar, a lecturer in cardiovascular epidemiology at the University of Cambridge in England.

"We found that people with a genetically programmed tendency for higher triglyceride levels also had a greater risk of heart disease," Sarwar said. "This suggests that triglyceride pathways may be involved in the development of heart disease."

To explore a genetic link between triglycerides and heart disease, Sarwar's team collected data on 302,430 people who participated in 101 studies. "We employed novel genetic approaches -- so-called 'Mendelian randomization analysis,'"

Specifically, the researchers looked at mutations in the apolipoprotein A5 gene, a known determinant of triglyceride concentrations. They found that for every copy of the variant, there was a 16 percent increase in triglyceride concentrations, so two copies increased triglyceride levels 32 percent.

People with two such variants had a 40 percent increased risk of developing heart disease, the researchers calculated.

Although these genetic findings indicate a causative role for triglyceride pathways in the development of heart disease, they do not replace the need for large randomized clinical trials of medications that lower blood triglyceride levels, Sarwar said. Such trials should help establish whether reducing triglyceride concentration can reduce the risk of heart disease, he said. "There are several medications currently available or under development that can influence blood triglyceride levels," he

Drug maker Novartis, the British Heart Foundation and the UK Medical Research Council funded the study.

Dr. Gregg C. Fonarow, a professor of cardiovascular medicine and director of the Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center at the University of California, Los Angeles, also said more research is needed.

"Elevated LDL cholesterol has been definitively established as a major modifiable cardiovascular risk factor," he said. "There is also strong evidence that low levels of HDL identify individuals at increased risk for cardiovascular events. However, the independent role that elevated triglyceride levels play in cardiovascular risk has been more difficult to establish and controversial," he said.

This study suggests a modest independent association between triglycerides and coronary heart disease, Fonarow said.

"Despite these findings it still remains to be demonstrated whether lowering triglyceride levels in patients with -- or at risk for -- cardiovascular disease will in and of itself reduce the risk of cardiovascular events and if so by how much," he

Another expert, Dr. Byron Lee, an assistant professor of cardiology at the University of California, San Francisco, suggested the study could alter the guidelines for heart prevention. "Traditionally, clinicians have focused only on getting our patients' LDL down and our HDL up because we thought that these were the major players in heart disease," he said.

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"There Will Be No Apology"

Tom Bevan

Those are the words of the mother of Matt Dariano, one of the five kids at Live Oak High School in the San Francisco Bay Area who were sent home for having the temerity to wear American flag tee shirts on the "Mexican heritage day" of Cinco de Mayo.

"There will not be an apology," Mrs. Dariano told the camera crew outside the school. "Matthew is part Hispanic, OK? He's an American. So, no, there will be no apology from any Dariano." Guess who else uttered the exact same phrase last year? James Crowley, the white Cambridge cop who arrested black Harvard professor Louis Gates, Jr. and was singled out in a nationally televised press conference by President Obama for "acting stupidly."

On July 23 of last year outside his home, a reporter told Crowley that Gates had asked for an apology from him for his handling of the incident.

"There will be no apology," Crowley replied.

After a beat, the reporter followed up: "Is this now and ever, 'no apology,?"

"Yes," Crowley replied flatly.

The fact is, Americans are increasingly fed up with the racially divisive, politically correct insanity pulsating through the country today. After years of being pressured and browbeaten by the left-wing PC police about what they can say, do, think, and wear, many Americans have had enough. And they're especially furious with being asked to apologize for things that aren't or shouldn't be in the least bit offensive.

The idea that high school kids anywhere in America would be called the principal's office - let alone that they would be asked whether they should apologize - for wearing clothes bearing the image of the United States flag, is a perfect case in point.

It's the kind of insanity that rankles the sensibilities of millions upon millions of Americans, and has them cheering when someone - whether a Cambridge cop or a Bay Area mother - stands up, refuses to back down, and says, "there will be no apology."



Arizona Law May Be Flawed, But Federal Remedy Will Be Worse

Jeremy Lott

President Barack Obama has declared himself deeply troubled by Arizona's new immigration enforcement bill. He warned that it "carries a great amount of risk that core values that we all care about are breached" and implied that it will lead to rampant racial profiling and God only knows what else.

Attorney General Eric Holder warned that his legal eagles are keeping a close eye on how the law is implemented. If he isn't satisfied, the Justice Department could take the unusual step of suing a state to overturn a law closely modeled on federal statutes. Obama, Holder, and company say that Arizona's enforcement approach is clearly the wrong one to the problem of illegal immigration, and they could be right about that. But the kind of proposals they are supporting would be far more burdensome for American citizens.

Let's grant that the Arizona law may very well be unreasonable and troubling. But if that's the case then so is the broad mass of law that applies to illegal immigrants. The facts are pretty clear. Somewhere between 12 and 20 million people are breaking the law by simply residing in this country. They enjoy no legal right to be here and can face deportation if found out. Since the early 1950s, immigrants have been required to carry documentation on their person at all times proving that they have the right to reside in the United States. The easiest way to tell the difference between a foreign national who has requested and been granted that right and one who has not is to ask to see his green card. Fears of a racially-based crackdown are worth serious consideration, but Arizona law does contain some safeguards to try to discourage that sort of thing. Police cannot simply ask to see a random suspect's papers. The request for information has to come in addition to

some other lawful contact. If a police officer pulls someone over for running a red light or arrests a shoplifter, and has a reasonable suspicion that the scofflaw is not here legally, he is now supposed to ask about the scofflaw's legal status. Said scofflaw can force the officer to back off by simply producing a valid Arizona state driver's license.

If, as critics charge, the Arizona law is unreasonable, unjust, and subject to much abuse, the federal remedy would be much worse. That is the view of Alex Nowrasteh, a scholar at the libertarian Competitive Institute who Enterprise specializes in immigration studies (Disclosure: I am the co-host CEI's Liberty Week podcast). Nowrasteh opposes the Arizona law and he agrees thatmany of President Obama's concerns are well founded, but he warns, "The proposed comprehensive immigration reform bill would do more to Europeanize American labor markets than just about any other reform."

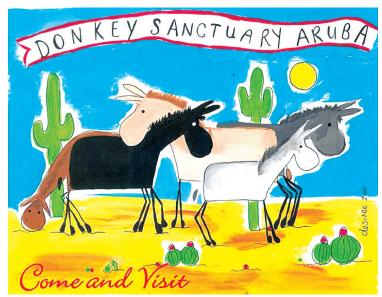
The Arizona law would encourage some police in some circumstances to ask for papers, and it includes stiff penalties to discourage Arizonans from "knowingly" illegal workers. The outline of the federal comprehensive immigration reform would have the U.S. government issue every American citizen a national biometric identity card, establish a new government database, and use an e-verify system to determine if we

some other lawful contact. If would be allowed to work in a police officer pulls someone this country.

Nowrasteh told me Wednesday that he has serious misgivings about these proposals. "The government databases that it already maintains have pretty high error rates," he explained. He cited alarming figures by Westat, a contractor working for the Department Homeland Security. The firm found that the government's current limited "misses e-verify program undocumented workers 54 percent of the time and misidentifies legal workers as illegal about 1 percent of the time."

The current government databases and e-verify system may be justified because they apply mostly to federal contractors, but the Obama administration would expand this to include the entire American labor market. Some of the false positives might be cleared up but not all of them. The bottom line is that "This would keep many Americans," -- who had done nothing wrong or illegal -- "from getting a job." At the same time, it would do little to discourage illegal immigration.

Norwasteh also worries about what such changes would say about this country. "There is something fundamentally anti-American about having to ask permission from the government to get a job. I think it is literally anti all of the principles that America was founded on," he told me. Clearly he has different core values than the president.



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Subsecretario de Estado aboga más eficacia

en lucha contra narco

PANAMA (AP) - El subsecretario de Estado de Estados Unidos para el Hemisferio Occidental Arturo Valenzuela expresó el jueves que "tenemos que ser muchos más decididos y eficaces" en la región para combatir el narcotráfico, el crimen organizado y la inseguridad pública.

Tras reconocer la "corresponsabilidad" de Estados Unidos en el problema, Valenzuela subrayó a la prensa que "tenemos que ver cuáles son las estrategias y un tema fundamental tiene que ser la buena coordinación entre los países. Tenemos que trabajar juntos en esto".

El alto diplomático, que cumple en Panamá su última escala de una gira que lo llevó también a Guatemala y El Salvador, se reunirá el viernes con representantes del Sistema de Integración Centroamericana (Sica) para tratar el tema de seguridad democrática.

El diplomático estadounidense dijo que el objetivo de la reunión con el SICA es profundizar la cooperación, porque "tenemos que ser mucho más decididos y eficaces en combatir las organizaciones criminales, el narcotráfico, el crimen común que afecta nuestras sociedades".

Reconoció que el narcotráfico y sus ramificaciones

no va a terminar hasta que desaparezca la demanda de las drogas ilegales, de las que Estados Unidos es uno de los mayores consumidores.

Explicó que en ello se enmarca "el centro de la política del presidente Barack Obama... de que uno tiene que tener una óptica de no solamente de mano dura... (sino) una óptica también de salud pública donde uno se tiene que preocupar de asegurarse de que los jóvenes no entren a usar drogas y ese tipo de cosas".

Destacó que se requiere "una estrategia integral que contemple los tres aspectos fundamentales: interdicción, erradicación y al mismo tiempo el control de la demanda". Valenzuela se reunió por la tarde con el presidente Ricardo Martinelli y luego participó en un encuentro con estudiantes panameños que han recibido becas de Estados Unidos.

Valenzuela expresó a Martinelli el interés de Estados Unidos de apoyar la democracia, el proyecto de calles seguras y el desarrollo de programas de cooperación, que no solo incluya el comercio, sino proyectos sociales que impacten directamente en los países de la región, dijo la presidencia panameña en un comunicado.



El subsecretario estadounidense de Estado para el Hemisferio Occidental Arturo Valenzuela habla durante una reunión con estudiantes en Panamá, el jueves 6 de mayo de 2010. (AP Foto/Arnulfo Franco)



